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For: FINE SPHERICAL PARTICLES WITH SATISFACTORY MOLECULAR
ORIENTATION, SPHERICAL MICROCAPSULES COMPRISING THE SAME, AND
PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THESE

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